

CHOKED OFF LAWS NEEDED BY STATE

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planations in light of the fact that for six or eight years every effort to secure legislation to remedy an admittedly bad condition failed to materialize.

The bill to provide a commission to revise the Code passed the House, but was not voted upon in the Senate. It was conceded that a revision was needed, but there was some anxiety of the session, the Legislature might not be able to secure a commission entirely fitted for the work.

A number of excellent men were spoken of for the positions, but it began to look as though persistent but- tonholing, procrastinating and the exercise of political pull in favor of a few of the aspirants might not result in the most judicious selections. At any rate, the Senate thought the matter might well wait two years longer.

Primary Elections.
The bill to localize primary elections, after floundering fearfully in the committee, came upon the Senate calendar too late to be reached in due course, and it was not allowed to be taken up out of its order. This is the fourth session that measures of this kind have been killed by indifference. A few gentlemen in the Senate, several of them upon the Committee on Privileges and Elections, have been the chief executioners. It is more than suspected that they have had the encouragement of some other gentlemen of the State, who are not members of the General Assembly. The old-line politicians, who once knew so well how to pack and dominate conventions, have learned how to manipulate our present loose and irregular primary system that would ensure absolute fairness and admit of rigid enforcement, by fine and imprisonment, the professionals would indeed be in various plight. As things are now, the aspirant for a nomination, who has not made a name in terms with the powers that be, will not know the date of the primary until a committee meets and juggles it back or forth, as the exigencies of the situation require. He may be required to submit to an election by judges, to whom he has no confidence, where all kinds of ballots are used and marked openly in the night of the ward or precinct houses, at precincts which may, or may not, be the ones established by law for regular elections. The precincts may, or may not, be opened at the regular time, may be removed miles away from the places where they are expected to be, and the votes may be counted, canvassed and certified in a manner which may furnish the best opportunities for fraud.

There are evidences of wrongdoing which are destroyed, so that existing statutes could not be made to apply, and mere irregularities, however gross, must be considered, not by an impartial court or a jury sworn to do its duty, but by a committee which may or may not have been selected with a view to honesty and ability, and could not be fair to charge that these evils result from every primary or that all of them are practiced at any. Many—perhaps most—of the primary committees and judges are fair men, and many primaries are conducted fairly. But the system is inequitable, because it permits and invites the kind of election offenses which all honest men should abhor and condemn. Our general elections are safeguarded in every conceivable way, but our primaries, which really select our officers in nine-tenths of the State, are left wide open for every kind of fraud to enter. There is no doubt, much conscientious difference of opinion as to the expediency of making nominations by primaries, but it is inconceivable that honest men should differ about whether, if held, they should be fair or fraudulent.

Payment of Poll Taxes.
Strange to say, it was impossible to secure the passage of a bill to prohibit the corrupt payment of poll taxes. The Constitutional Convention, in its wisdom, provided that poll taxes should be paid six months in advance of the regular elections. Presumably this was done to prevent the taxes from being paid corruptly within a short time of the election. The convention apparently forgot that there was such a thing as a primary election. Now, primaries are held five months or so in advance of the regular elections. The result is that poll taxes may be paid at the very time when the temptation to pay them corruptly is strongest.

Therefore, it is notorious that in some sections they are paid by candidates and by interests in lots of 50, 100, and even of 500. The Attorney-General has ruled that all poll-taxes tendered must be received by the treasurer. There is no record kept of the persons by whom they are paid. The consequence is that the tax has become a prolific source of corruption.

If there is any virtue in the six months' provision it should be extended to primaries. The corrupt payment of the tax should be made a misdemeanor, and the treasurer should be required to keep a record of all persons paying poll-taxes for others, so that the grand juries may be able to investigate the cases and indict those who may be using this means to corruptly influence the electorate.

Some Other Bills.
Time and space would fail to record the other matters which the Legislature did not act upon. The bill reviving the Wharton law, prohibiting the payment of insurance companies for the purpose of raising rates, the "pink tea bill," for prohibiting all kinds of wagers upon games; the Richmond Torrens bill, the Stock Breeders' Association bill, the bucket shop bill—all of them were allowed to perish.

The bill to reform the divorce laws, in accordance with the recommendations of the National Divorce Congress, also failed. This measure would have gone a great distance in the direction of curbing fraudulent and frivolous divorces, but it was too far-reaching to be thoroughly considered in the crowded session.

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Dr. Hartman's World Renowned Catarrh Medicine.

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Gen. W. H. Parsons, 325 H St., N. W., Washington, D. C., writes as follows:

"Upon the recommendation of personal friends and many strong testimonials to the efficacy of Peru-na in the treatment of the numerous symptoms of the grip with which I have been afflicted for four months past, I have been induced to undergo a treatment of this justly celebrated formula.

"I feel a decided change for the better by its use for one week only, especially in toning up the stomach, and a consequent decided effect upon my appetite.

"I therefore feel much encouraged that I am on the road to complete restoration.

"My numerous friends in Texas, where I have had the honor to command a brigade of her veteran cavalry in a four-year war, may accept this voluntary testimonial to the merit of Peru-na from a sense of obligation for its wonderful efficacy."

Pe-ru-na a Good Tonic.

Gen. M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, writes from Washington, D. C., as follows:

"I can recommend Peru-na for dyspepsia and stomach trouble. I have been using your medicine for a short period, and I feel very much relieved.

"It is indeed a wonderful medicine, and besides a good tonic."

Colds in the Head and Throat.

Chas. W. Bowman, 1st Lieut., and Adj. 4th M. S. M. Cav. Vol., writes from Lanham, Md., as follows:

"Though somewhat averse to patent medicines, and still more averse to becoming a professional advertiser, it seems only a plain duty in the present instance to add my experience to the columns already written concerning the curative powers of Peru-na. I have been particularly benefited by its use for colds in the head and throat.

"I have been able to fully cure myself of a most severe attack in forty-eight hours by its use according to directions.

"I use it as a preventive whenever threatened with an attack of colds.

"Members of my family also use it for like ailments.

"We are recommending it to our friends."

ed session. Besides, it had nothing but public morality to recommend it. The bill to prohibit newspapers from publishing the kind of matter which others might consider unclean was allowed to languish and vanish. Press censoring has never been popular in this State, and the national newspapers, as well as the general public, are quite competent to take care of themselves upon that question.

Many bills dealing with corporations went by the board. The rolling stock bill so persistently advocated for three sessions, was the last to be considered. The bill to tax mining companies upon their output, the bill to lessen the effectiveness of the defense of contributory negligence, the bills requiring telephone companies to give better connections—all of them measures which had been urged at previous sessions—failed of enactment.

Where It Fell Short.
In justice to the Legislature of 1908 it must be said that, considering the vast amount of work it accomplished, in spite of many distractions and handicaps, it would have been impossible for it to have fairly considered all the matters which have been mentioned. Yet some of them at least should have been dealt with, even at the sacrifice of other bills. Without being extreme to mark deficiencies, it is yet true that, in some important respects, the Legislature fell short of its full duty to the State.

BUTLER ASKS HEARING

Name Having Been Mentioned He Wishes to Appear.

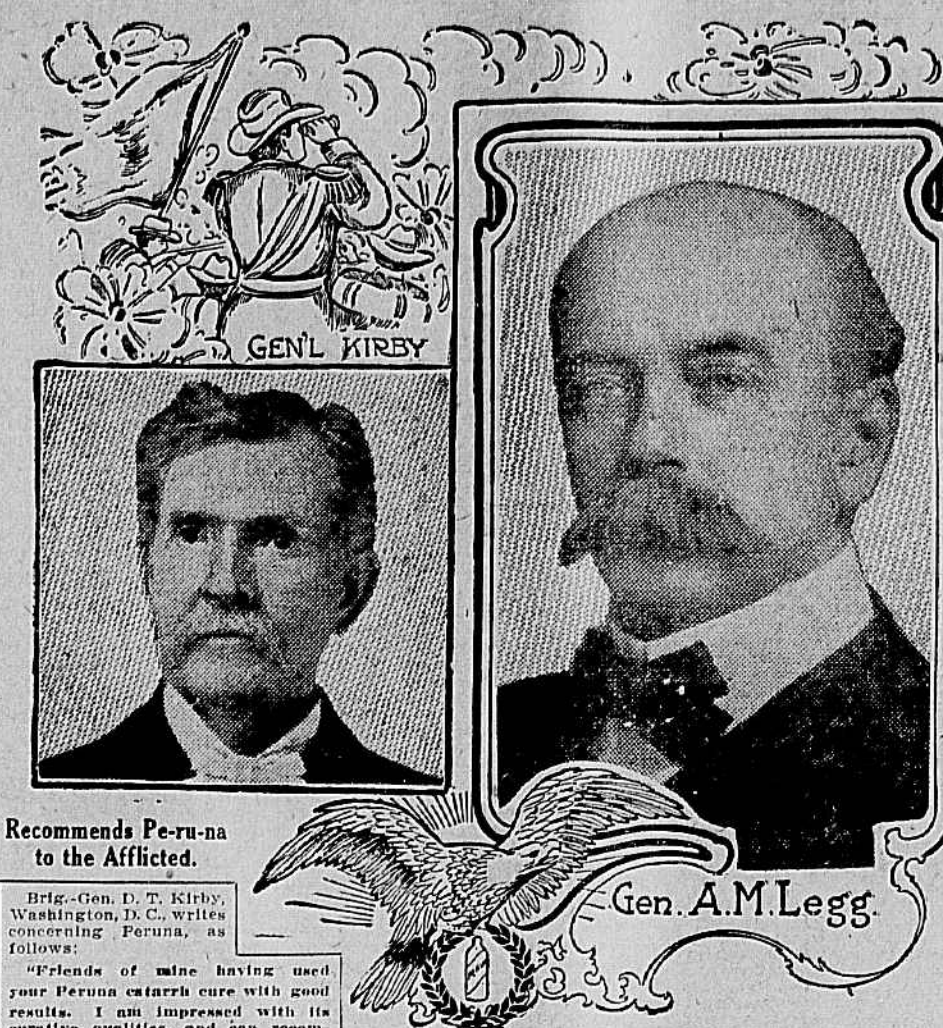
WASHINGTON, March 14.—The special committee appointed by Speaker Cannon to investigate the charges made by Representative Lilley, of Connecticut, concerning alleged efforts to influence legislation by the Electric Boat Company, has summoned a number of witnesses to appear before it Monday morning. The investigation will be resumed. Subpoenas were issued to-day for Marion Butler, former Senator from South Carolina; M. C. Butler, former Senator from South Carolina; C. E. Creedy, E. W. Creedy, F. P. Sands and Dr. W. R. Kerr, all of Richmond, Va.; and W. B. Gordon, Bay City, Mich., and W. B. Gordon, Midland, Mich. The subpoenas duces tecum, which were sent by the committee to Mr. Lilley for President Rice and other officials of the Electric Boat Company have not yet been served.

The name of former Senator Butler, of South Carolina, was not in the list of witnesses handed the committee by Mr. Lilley. Mr. Butler's name, however, had been mentioned by Mr. Lilley before the committee, and that gentleman wrote Chairman Boutwell, requesting that he be heard. The committee granted his request.

Replying to Chairman Boutwell's statement, published to-day that Mr. Lilley had retracted before the special committee charges which he had made before the Rules Committee concerning members of the House, Mr. Lilley says: "Mr. Boutwell, I told the committee on Rules that I expected to prove that some sums of money were contributed to campaign funds of political parties in congressional districts, but that before the committee investigating Committee I said that I did not charge corruption of any member of the House. Now it is well known that contributions to campaign funds give my attorneys an opportunity to do so, that the Electric Boat Company, through its agents, has contributed to campaign funds of both parties."

SULLIVAN IS COMMENDED FOR DISPLAY OF GALLANTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—The Secretary of the Navy has written a letter to Mr. Lawrence Sullivan, boat- owner's mate, second class in the President's yacht Mayflower, commending him for gallantry in jumping overboard from a boat alongside the Mayflower Sunday morning, March 8th, while the vessel was at Norfolk, and saving the lives of Mr. C. S. Barber, ordinary seaman, who had accidentally fallen overboard.



Recommends Pe-ru-na to the Afflicted.

Brig.-Gen. D. T. Kirby, Washington, D. C., writes concerning Peru-na, as follows:

"Friends of mine having used your Peru-na catarrh cure with good results. I am impressed with its curative qualities, and can recommend it to those who are afflicted."

Pe-ru-na in Tablet Form.

Some people prefer to take tablets rather than to take medicine in a fluid form. Such people can obtain Peru-na tablets, which represent the medicinal ingredients of Peru-na. Each tablet is equivalent to one average dose of Peru-na.

For Catarrh of the Stomach.

Gen. W. W. Duffield, Washington, D. C., writes:

"I have used Peru-na in my family, and have found it a valuable medicine, and take pleasure in recommending it to all who suffer from catarrh of the stomach or who require a tonic of prompt efficacy."

DEAFNESS CAUSED BY CATARRH-- RELIEVED BY PE-RU-NA.

Gen. A. M. Legg writes from the Savings Bank Building, Washington, D. C., as follows:

"I take pleasure in endorsing the many recommendations I have heard and read of Peru-na, because of having had knowledge of the truth of so many of them.

"We always tell our sick and ailing friends of the remedies that we have learned, from experience, were good for us when ailing in the same way, and we do it as a duty we feel that we owe them.

"Why is it any the less our duty to advise all the people we can when we know of a good and comparatively inexpensive remedy that makes many cures, and benefits in almost all cases?"

"My own little personal experience of being relieved of deafness, caused by a case of catarrh, warrants me in advising all the afflicted to just try Peru-na."

GOVERNOR SIGNS TEACHERS' BILL

Young Women Who Lobbied the Measure Through Witness the Ceremony.

Governor Swanson spent nearly all of yesterday signing bills enacted by the General Assembly, and he has a large number yet to pass upon. He affixed his signature to a large batch during the day, but their titles and the exact number could not be secured, as the Governor locked them in his safe and will not return them to the enrolling clerk until to-morrow.

One of the interesting measures which the Governor signed is that creating a fund for pensioning school teachers, which was lobbied through by the smiles and gentle words of many fair teachers. Several of them were present yesterday to see that their bill was really signed. The Governor used seven pens in affixing the very important words "Claude A. Swanson" to the bill. He gave each of the young women one of these pens, and reserved one for Mrs. Aaron, who took special interest in getting the bill through. Those who received pens yesterday were Misses Mary Webb, Nellie W. Birdsong, Leila Archer, Corneil Adair, Mary E. Prayner and Cora S. Taylor. At the request of the teachers, the Governor attached his autograph to cards for each, containing pictures of the State flag.

Other important measures signed by the Governor during the day were the general appropriation bill and the bill offered by Captain W. W. Baker, of Chesterfield, appropriating \$40,000 to create a State Board of Health. The

Governor gave Captain Baker the pen used in signing the bill.

Brief Capitol Notes.

Charles A. Thurman, who has been here, trying to help his brother, Leo C. Thurman, who is to hang in Norfolk for murder on March 27th, has returned to Paducah, Ky., to look up evidence upon which to base an appeal for further executive interference. Thurman is expected to return here this week.

The State Board of Education will meet some time during the latter part of March to take up the question of selecting text-books for the public schools. As stated heretofore, it looks as if the single-text principle will be followed, and as if the contract will be for seven instead of four years, in accordance with the provisions of the new law making this optional with the board.

Governor Swanson said yesterday that work on the new wing to the State Library Building would be shortly commenced, and he hoped to get it completed within a year. The work will be done under the supervision of a joint commission, of which the Governor is ex-officio chairman.

FIVE ENDED THEIR LIVES

Strange Story Told by Young Girl, Whose Companions Are All Dead.

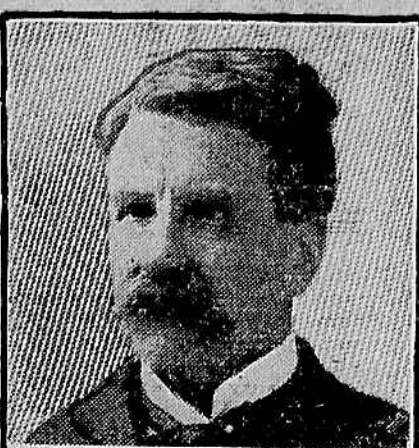
NEW YORK, March 14.—A startling story of how five young girls, who came to New York from St. Paul little more than a year ago, died, each by her own hand, was told by 17-year-old Helen Baxter, after she had made a vain effort to end her own life. Helen said she was one of the party of six girls who came to New York from St. Paul, Minn., after receiving a course of training in a business school in the Minnesota State. She turned on the gas in her room last night but was found this morning in time for her life to be saved. When asked why she had tried to end her life the girl astonished the ambulance surgeon and others who had crowded around her by her story of the fate of her friends. "Why should I not be allowed to die?" she asked. "My five girl friends who left St. Paul with me a year ago after we left school have all committed suicide. I want to die as they did and join them." Was it a suicide pact? she was asked. "My friends are all dead and they died as they chose," was her reply. The girl refused to give the names of any of her girl friends. A short time after their arrival in New York she said one of the girls married. She did not live happily with her husband, however, and killed herself a few months afterwards.

In the meantime another girl had been seeking employment without success. She sought death and found it by the same means her friend had used. The next to go in the same way, according to Helen's story, was one of the girls who had fallen a victim to a man's false friendship. With three of their companions dead the three that remained worried constantly, and when hard times came and employment was hard to find two of three voluntarily followed their friends to the grave. That left Helen alone.

Then a man came into her life. The man was represented to her as immensely wealthy, she said, and for a time she was happy. He suddenly sailed for Europe. She had nothing more to live for after that, she said, and decided to join her five friends in death. Helen said her father is dead but her mother still lives in St. Paul. She refused to give her mother's address. When it was found that the girl would recover she was taken to a police station and locked up, charged with attempted suicide. In the girl's room was found several picture postal cards from Southland, Ind., and one from Revere, Mass.

CITY HALL DECLARED UNSAFE.

New Bern Aldermen Consider Matter of Building a New One.
Special to The Times-Dispatch.
NEW BERN, N. C., March 14.—Two contractors have pronounced the pres-



GEN'L YODER



Used Pe-ru-na—Satisfied as to Its Merits—
—Recommends It to All Sufferers.

Gen. S. S. Yoder, 203 Md. Ave., N. E., Washington, D. C., writes:

"I desire to say that I have found Peru-na to be a wonderful remedy. I only used it for a short time, and am thoroughly satisfied as to its merits. I shall gladly recommend it to all sufferers."

For Kidney Trouble, Coughs, Colds and Catarrh.

Gen. A. F. Hawley, 1236 25th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., writes:

"I have used Peru-na and find it very beneficial for kidney trouble, and especially good for coughs, colds and catarrh trouble."

Indigestion and Nervousness.

Gen. George B. Williams, whose Washington address is 2121 Bancroft Place, writes: "I have been for many years a great friend of Peru-na. It has always helped me wonderfully. I can recommend it for indigestion and nervousness without any qualifications. I am always in possession of a supply of this medicine, and when required, freely use it."

When Other Remedies Failed Pe-ru-na Proved Efficacious.

Hon. Geo. W. Honey, National Chaplain, U. S. V., ex-Chaplain 4th Wisconsin Cavalry, ex-Treas. State of Wisconsin and ex-Quartermaster-General State of Texas G. A. R., writes from 1700 First Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., as follows:

"I cannot too highly recommend your preparation for the relief of catarrhal troubles in their various forms.

"Some members of our own family have used it with most gratifying results.

"When other remedies failed, Peru-na proved most efficacious, and I cheerfully certify to its curative excellence."

Pe-ru-na a Standard Treatment for Catarrhal Diseases.

Mr. John C. Nelson, Dayton, Tenn., geologist and mining engineer, while a captain in the Federal Army during the Civil War, contracted a case of rheumatism. This malady was constant and persistent, inducing the development of other ailments, which also became chronic. After taking a course of Peru-na, Captain Nelson writes:

"Having been painfully afflicted with chronic rheumatism and the adjunct complications for many years, and after having received many general and special treatments with only temporary relief, I read your scientific treatise on catarrhal diseases.

"At my request you prescribed a special course of the Peru-na remedies, which I closely followed, and am happy to report that my rheumatism and complicated ailments are subdued, and I feel young again at the age of sixty-nine years.

"Reason will accept your classification of catarrhal diseases as scientific and true, and the Peru-na remedies as a standard treatment for them. I thank you heartily for your skilled and logical advice."

Regained Health and Strength.

Mr. Fred P. Allen, Special Agent for Fidelity and Casualty Co., 305 Hubbard Bank Building, New Orleans, La., writes:

"About two years ago I was troubled with bronchitic asthma, and was treated by the best physicians in our city, but receiving no benefit from them, I began to despair lest I should not recover."

"I wrote to Dr. Hartman and he prescribed for me. By faithfully following his directions, in six months I was cured of the asthma and the cough had disappeared entirely. I regained my health and strength, and the twenty-five pounds which I had lost, and am thankful to say that I am as well as ever."

For free book of testimonials address The Peru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

BOARD FAILING TO AGREE, OFFICER WILL BE RESTORED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, Va., March 14.—Patrolman O. W. Edwards, charged with neglect of duty in that he left a hospital room, allowing Nathan Jacobs to jump from a window, sustaining fatal injuries, and about which the Board of Control disagreed and failed to reach a verdict, was to-day restored to duty on the opinion of City Attorney Duncan that a failure to agree meant that the officer had not been found guilty, and therefore could not be punished pending a decision.

TWO YEARS AHEAD ON SAFETY IN CASE OF FIRE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HIGH POINT, N. C., March 14.—Su-


perintendent Geo. H. Crowell, of the city schools, says that "High Point is two years 'ahead' on the matter of safe-guarding the pupils in case of fire. Two years ago the school instituted the fire drill, and at the same time had all the doors changed to open on the outside, regardless of the looks of the building, safety of the lives of the children being the first consideration. The school children are often drilled, and can clear the building in two minutes, and there are about 1,500 of them."

Mrs. Little Here.

Mrs. W. H. Little, of Washington, N. C., who has been in Baltimore and New York, is now visiting Mrs. Madeline Loth, of No. 210 West Clay Street.


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2.—WILLIE YOUNG.	Second Prize, Boys' or Girls' Watch (value of \$12.50).	March 15th.
3.—WILLIAM PENICK.	Third Prize, \$3.50 Roller Skates.	This coupon will DOUBLE the value of each name turned in on or before Saturday, March 21, 1908, at 10 A. M. Only one coupon is needed to double the value of any number of names.
4.—MISS AZELE PEERS.	Fourth Prize, \$3.50 Roller Skates.	Name
5.—MISS ANNA M. ELLISON.	Fifth Prize, \$2.50 Roller Skates.	Address
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